



Inside The Steer Dinner Report... Avila/2000 & Avila in the news!

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Tom Zarda



Bill Dunn, Jr.

"Avila is here to grow!"

"I can let you know, and let the world know, that Avila is here to grow!" proclaimed Dr. Larry Kramer, president of Avila College, when he announced the kick-off of Avila/2000 this past January. "The Avila community is going to enter the 21st century better prepared to serve the students, community and world," he told the nearly 200 people in attendance.

The \$6 million comprehensive capital campaign will raise endowment funds for student aid, faculty positions and campus renewal, as well as resources for program support and annual scholarships and grants.

Kansas City broadcaster Bill Grigsby was Master of Ceremonies for the kick-off event which presented the goals of Avila/2000 to the community.

Other speakers included: Thomas Zarda, secretary/treasurer of Zarda Brothers Dairy, Inc., chairman of Avila's Board of Trustees and Avila/2000 campaign chairman; William H. Dunn, Jr., senior vice president of Dunn Construction Company and member of Avila's Board of Counselors; and Thomas D. Sanders, president of MMC, Inc., and member of Avila's Board of

Counselors.

Zarda noted Avila's history of successful fiscal management in his remarks. "This school has operated on a balanced budget, which is a tremendous achievement and compliment to the administration and the staff of the school. The school has no debt."

Sanders, whose involvement with Avila goes back nearly 30 years, shared his personal observations about the college and his support of Avila/2000. "My experience in meeting with and working with Avila graduates tells me that they are not only well-educated and technically trained, they are simply good, well-rounded human beings," he said.

"Businesses thrive only when they have qualified leaders and employees," he continued. "One of Avila's goals is to produce candidates for these positions. Creating a bright future and continuing a tradition of excellence is what this campaign is all about."

"The trustees and the administration have no intention of leaving the future to chance," said Sanders. "Financial security is a key to this future."

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Avila in the news...

A quick look at Avila people and programs in the media. Here are some of the stories you may have missed:

Society publication showcases dinner.

The Independent, Kansas City's leading society weekly, gave nearly two full pages to report on Avila's most recent and most successful Steer Dinner. The spread featured eight photographs with detailed captions, a description of the event and prominent display of the new Steer Dinner logo.

Kudos for Keegan.

A Thornhill Gallery exhibit of ten terra-cotta sculptures by Dan Keegan, art department coordinator for Avila, garnered considerable space and praise in *The Kansas City Star's* Sunday Arts section, February 3, 1991.

"Keegan... has included three pieces from 1988-89 that retain the clean lines of vases but are shaped on one side to suggest the profile of a face... It is easy to see how these prefigure Keegan's explosive move into more figurative, personal works..." reported the *Star*.

"There are always two ways of looking at each piece - face or vase, war or peace, devil or angel. One side of a sculpture is not predictable from looking at the other," the review continued. "Keegan is exploring ageless ideas here. If the face-vases are more immediately pleasing because of their lines and surfaces, it is because they represent a concept carried to its natural end; the sculptural pieces are but the beginning of a promising endeavor."

Mascot amuses magazine.

The January issue of *Ingram's* had fun reporting on Avila's mascot metamorphosis. The change from Avalanche to Eagles received most of a column in one of the up-scale magazine's front pages.

With the tongue-in-cheek headline "Identity Crisis", the write-up wondered if Avila might not be sacrificing a degree of uniqueness by abandoning the Avalanche. John Armato, director of community relations for Avila, replied with his own tongue in cheek. "If we were going solely for uniqueness, I suppose we could have been the Avila 'End Tables,' or something like that," he said.

The column included a complete black-and-white illustration of the new mascot.

Avila expert talks economics.

Dr. Louis James, chairman of Avila's business and economics department, was one of four members of *The Kansas City Star's* economic outlook board invited to the newspaper's offices in February to discuss the economic outlook for the coming months.

A full-color photograph of James in the Sunday, February 17, 1991 issue appeared with the front-page

story accompanied by a quote. Four sections in the article quoted him.

He predicted the current recession will be much longer than we guess at the moment. Asked about the outlook for the local and national economy, he said several things worry him.

"One of them is the misperception of the expansion of the '80s," he said. "It was clearly beyond a traditional peacetime expansion. The budget deficit, while viewed in political terms as a disaster, kept the economy at the level it stayed. Without that fiscal impact, we would have had the recession much sooner."

Fundamentals, football, & fund-raising.

The Kansas City Star's coverage of Avila has covered the gamut of news stories lately.

■ A substantial article with the headline "Avila seeks to integrate curriculum" ran in the December 27, 1990 Southland zone issues. "The south Kansas City liberal arts institution has begun a process to change its curriculum so that basic skills and well-rounded knowledge will be taught to every student, no matter what discipline," wrote the article's author.

Business students will be exposed to the arts and nursing students will study writing, for example.

Sr. Marie Joan Harris, Avila's vice president and dean of academic affairs, was quoted in the article saying "In the past it was assumed that if a student took a course, he was educated," she said. "We'd like to see education not as a segmented process. Education is a total experience and should have integration."

■ The February 16, 1991 sports section quoted Avila's athletic director, Mark Tobin, as saying that Avila is undertaking a "fact-finding mission" concerning the feasibility of adding football and women's soccer to the college's sports roster.

Tobin made it clear, however, that Avila was a long way off from actually starting two new programs.

"Right now, we're just contacting different institutions that have football and women's soccer and studying the financial aspects and impact of these programs on those colleges," Tobin said. "We're simply looking into the costs and feasibility of adding any sports. We have no expansion plans in sight. There are no plans right now to implement either sport."

■ The kick-off of Avila/2000, Avila's comprehensive capital campaign, created an opportunity for President Larry Kramer to sit down with a *Star*



Dr. Larry Kramer with *Star* reporter Jeff Spivak.

reporter to discuss the college's fund-raising plans.

The resulting article detailed the various components and goals for Avila/2000 and generally cast a favorable light on Avila and the campaign.

"The Avila community is going to enter the 21st century better prepared to serve the students, community, and world," said Kramer.

The article also said that "while public institutions such as the University of Kansas and Wichita State recently have raised more than \$100 million each, Avila's campaign is no less daunting for its size. It seeks to raise about as much as its yearly operating budget, which is \$6.5 million."

Steer

The nation's reported economic slump was nowhere to be seen on February 16, 1991 when nearly 500 of Avila's friends and supporters helped the college achieve a new fund-raising record for the benefit of Avila's students.

By evening's end, receipts for the 15th Annual American Royal Steer Dinner & Auction totaled \$210,000 with a net profit of \$182,000 - an all-time high for any Avila College fund-raising event.

Suspense mounted as auctioneer Herb Taubin auctioned off 102 prizes including vacation trips, works of art, high-tech items and even a puppy! Thousand-dollar bids were plentiful, but \$200 and \$300 bids also moved the college toward its \$200,000 goal.

The highest winning bid was \$3,400 for a porcelain bas relief of Madonna and Child provided by Mrs. Arnold



(Ann) Mears. Other prizes included tickets to the EMMY Awards, golfing excursions, and vacations to Hawaii and the California wine country.

A highlight of the evening was a raffle drawing for roundtrip airfare for two to any international destination served by American Airlines. Patty Nydol's winning ticket was drawn by Sister Olive Louise.

Mary Beth Meyers, Honorary Chairperson for this year's Steer Dinner, was also its major patron. Mrs. Meyers, a supporter of the event since 1984, contributed \$36,000—the highest amount ever given to the event by a single donor.



Vince and Marilee DiCarlo (left) with Susan and John McMeel (challenge donor).

Significant support was also received from the following six Challenge Donors who each provided \$10,000 for the student benefit fund: Andrews & McMeel, Kathleen Borserine, Georganne Mulhern, Philomena Muntzel, Rose Teicher, and Dorothy Whitfield.

Mrs. Meyers, the six Challenge Donors and Bob Boyle, contributor of the championship steer, received special recognition at the dinner.

The attendance of 500 guests represented an increase of almost 200 over last year. This growth reflected an increase in the number of table sponsors, each of whom purchased a table of ten for \$1,000. Thirty-three individuals and corporations acted as table sponsors this year—an increase of 14 over last year.

Table sponsors included: The H&R Block Foundation, Boatmen's Bank, Mary Ann Caffrey & David Frantze, Citicorp Credit Services, Ken & Betty Cornelius and Frank & Sheryl Leavey, Commerce

Dinner Tops \$200,000!

Bank, Country Club Bank, Libby Dayani, Mary Ann Duffy, William H. Dunn, Sr., Ernst & Young, Ford Motor Company, Franklin & Walsh, CPAs and George King Bio-Medical, Inc., Richard Goppert, Kansas City Life Insurance Company, Kansas City Power & Light, Kansas City Southern Industries, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Kopke, Larry & Jan Kramer, Lynn McCarthy, Catherin Merrill, J.C. Nichols Company, Padgett-Thompson, Barbara Pendleton, Jim Runyan, Shawnee Mission Medical Center, George J. Siebers & Company, Inc., Smith, Gill, Fisher & Butts, Southwestern Bell Telephone, United Missouri Bank South, Wrenn Insurance Group, and Tom Zarda.

Since 1977, when Bob Boyle headed a syndicate of friends in purchasing the Grand Champion Steer of the American Royal ("Jimmie C") for Avila, the Steer Dinners have provided resources to help the college meet special needs. Proceeds have helped build a fieldhouse, enlarged the endowment fund, improved the computer system, and provided student scholarships.

Each year one or more Avila patrons purchase a prize-winning steer from the American Royal and donate it to the college. It is then made into premium steaks that are flash frozen and auctioned off along with other valuable items. This year's steer was the Reserve Grand Champion, Market Steer of Show. A second prize steer was contributed by Ken and Betty Cornelius.

Proceeds from the first dinner totaled \$15,000. In 1989, \$110,000, and in 1990, \$175,000.



Dr. Larry Kramer, president of Avila College, and wife Jan (left) with Mary Beth Meyers, event patron and honorary chairperson, and Ann and Arnold Mears.



Clockwise from above:

Table sponsor Mark Gardner (left) and wife Irvilene with Avila trustee Bill Dunn, Jr. and wife Marianne.

Linda and Dr. Tom Williams with Tom and Kathy Sanders, and Bob and Susan Spence.

Helm and Janet Lillis with Georganne Mulhern (challenge donor) and Norma and Mike Wrenn (table sponsor).

Joan and Herb Taubin (auctioneer) with Philomena Muntzel (challenge donor), Kathleen Andrews (challenge donor and Avila trustee), and Tom Gill.

Verda and Charles Kopke (table sponsors) with Madeline Dimoush, Lynn McCarthy (table sponsor), and Regina and Tom Cox.



Avila announces campaign goals.

After showing a special video presentation that outlined the history and objectives of Avila/2000, President Larry Kramer detailed the individual component goals of the campaign.

Endowment Fund: This component of Avila/2000 has a goal of \$1,000,000 for student financial assistance and unrestricted funds - meaning donations and gifts to Avila College not in the name of any specific project or program.

Campus Renewal: Avila/2000 will seek \$2,000,000 for facilities and equipment.

Academic and Student Program Support: This component has a goal of \$900,000 for faculty and staff development, student support programs, academic support programs, and the college library.

Student Financial Assistance: This component of Avila/2000 has a goal of \$600,000 for academic scholarships and performance grants.

Annual Fund: Avila/2000 has a goal of \$1,500,000 for general budget support.

The five components total \$6 million - the official campaign goal. Avila is also seeking \$2,000,000 in deferred gifts through such things as trusts, insurance, and wills.

Call for nominations: 1991 Outstanding Alumna/Alumnus Award.

The Avila College Alumni Association is now accepting nominations for the 1991 Outstanding Alumna/Alumnus Award.

The award is designed to recognize the contributions of an outstanding alumna/alumnus and increase community awareness of the quality and achievements of Avila's alumni.

Anyone, whether an Avila alum or not, may nominate someone for this honor. If a nominee is not selected in a given year, he or she will be automatically nominated for the following year. Nomination materials will be kept on file in the alumni office for three years. During the second and third year, the nominator will be given the opportunity to update the nomination application.

Previous recipients of the award are: Nancy Barr ('75), the Honorable Edith Messina ('66), and Dorothy Whitfield ('55).

Nomination forms are available from the alumni office and must be returned by May 30th, 1991. Call 942-8400, extension 236 for more information.

Sister's family attends Avila - niece by niece.

Sister Margaret Reinhart came to Avila, then known as the College of St. Teresa, on August 19, 1945. Her family hasn't left her alone since.

Sister Margaret was teaching art in 1959 when three family members enrolled in St. Teresa's. Mary Reinhart (class of 1954) and Margaret Reinhart (class of 1960) from Green Bay, Wisconsin, and Mollie Demarais (class of 1955) from Calumet, Minnesota.

After St. Teresa's moved to the Wornall campus and became Avila in 1963, a fourth niece enrolled. Georgiana Hearden (class of 1967) from Connecticut was in the first group of students to open Carondelet Residence Hall.

Mary Lois Hearden, niece number five, came to Avila in 1971. She also was from Connecticut and graduated in 1975.

Bernadette Stueve and Janna Crowley Stueve, both graduates of the department of nursing, are the sixth and seventh family members of Sister Margaret's to attend Avila. They graduated in 1986 and 1989 respectively.

New Avila Board of Trustees members elected.

The retirement of two Board of Trustees members and the election of four new members was announced at Avila's November 5, 1990 Board of Trustees meeting.

Norman Gordon, a trustee for 23 years, and Sister Mona Marie Buegler, a trustee for 19 years, were honored upon their retirement.

The newly elected trustees are:

Alexander C. Kemper, vice president of commercial banking and chairman of the marketing committee of United Missouri Bank of Kansas City. Kemper graduated from Northwestern University with a B.A. in history. He is the founder and president of Education Incorporated, vice president of the Genesis School board, board member of the Downtown Council of Kansas City, Missouri, and board member of the Mid-America Arts Alliance.

Thomas F. Gordon, attorney at law, officer, director, and shareholder of Gordon & Gordon, P.C. Gordon graduated from the University of Missouri, Columbia Law School with a J.D. degree in 1966. He is the founder and past president of the Avila College Athletic Booster Club, member of the Avila College Board of Counselors, treasurer of the Citizen's Association of Kansas City, Missouri, and vice chairman of the City Plan Commission - Kansas City, Missouri. He served in the United States Army, 1967-69 and holds the rank of Captain.

Sister Jane Kehoe Hassett, CSJ, executive director of Sisters Energy Program in St. Louis, Missouri. Sister Jane has a Ph.D. in history from St. Louis University and is a past president of Fontbonne College.

Sister Anna M. Schlett, CSJ, chaplain/manager of the pastoral care department of St. Joseph Health Center in Kansas City, Missouri. Sister Anna received her B.S. degree in elementary education from Fontbonne college and was formerly the registrar for Avila College.

Avila professor adds yet another degree to list of credits.

Dr. William J. Louis, Avila faculty member and already a man of many degrees, received his bachelor's degree in studio art last May.

Dr. Louis was chairman of Avila's department of performing and visual arts from 1973 to 1987. He resigned that position to return to the classroom as a teacher - and a student - and pursue his life-long goal of earning an art degree.

The degree caps a career of academic achievement. Following a stint with the United States Army of Occupation in Korea, he entered a preparatory school for delayed vocations to the Roman Catholic Church. After six months as a Trappist monk, he returned to the secular world and Boston College, where he received a bachelor's degree in English and master's degree in comparative dramatic literature. He took a doctorate in speech, theater and humanities from Stanford University and did post-graduate work at the University of Nice in France.

He has taught theater and directed shows at the University of British Columbia, Western New Mexico University, LeMoyné College, and Avila. Dr. Louis is a member of Actors' Equity and has acted professionally in Los Angeles and San Diego. In addition to his movie and commercial work, he has established a reputation for his oral interpretations of biblical scenes which he performs at various ceremonies throughout Kansas City.

Though his formal degree in art has just been completed, Dr. Louis has worked in the visual arts for years. Several pieces of his work are in private collections both in the United States and abroad.

Avila Symphony makes debut performance.

The Avila Symphony Orchestra, a new community orchestra directed by Mark Pretzel and sponsored by Avila College, made its debut Saturday, March 9, 1991 in Goppert Theatre.

The program included Irish County Derry by Percy Grainger, Symphony Number 88 in G Major by Franz Joseph Haydn, and Violin Concerto Number One in G Minor by Max Bruch.

Alison Peters, a member of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, was guest violin soloist.

Pretzel, the symphony's music director and conductor, is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. He is currently completing his doctorate at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

Mark your calendar now to attend the symphony's next concert on Sunday, May 19, 1991 at 3 pm in Goppert Theatre.

Mark Pretzel, music director and conductor.

The new Avila Symphony Orchestra in its premier performance.



"You Made Me Feel Like Something..." A Thank You to Sister Felice

Sister Felice Helmes, came to Kansas City in 1948 to start the speech and theatre department at the College of St. Teresa. Sister Felice was with the college when it became Avila in 1963. She has spent 42 years with the college and celebrated 60 years as a Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet on March 19.

She recently told this story about a former student and an unexpected show of gratitude.

"In early November, 1990, I received a long-distance call from Widad Spidari, a 1969 graduate of Avila College. She wanted to give me a \$500 theater scholarship for Avila College, but I had to go to Portland, Oregon, to receive it. She had already secured my plane ticket. I went!

Widad was born in Palestine near Jerusalem in 1944. After her father was killed in the war, she was placed in an orphanage in Bethlehem. In 1961, an American Methodist missionary took her to Ann Arbor, Michigan,



Sister Felice Helmes (right) hugs Widad Spidari, a 1969 Avila graduate. Spidari donated a theater scholarship to Avila in November.

where she attended high school. She remembers this as an unhappy time.

Later a Kansas City missionary brought her to Avila College, where she majored in sociology and minored in theater. Widad is a very talented dancer. After graduation she worked as a teacher of dance and as a performer. Eventually she was able to bring her mother and brothers to the United States.

Widad said she was happy during her years at Avila. She enjoyed the conservative atmosphere, the influence of the Sisters, the small enrollment, and my help. She said, 'You made me feel like something, you gave me moral support, and I gained self-confidence in your speech and theater courses, especially in the television course held in the KMBC studio.'

Today, Widad is happily married to Dr. William Winans, an osteopathic physician and surgeon. She works as a bookkeeper in his office. I am very grateful to Widad and her husband for their gift of a scholarship to Avila College."

Alums host, boast and toast!

Avila's alums have done a lot lately. Including:

- Being a host family for Taiwanese students.
- Hosting alumni night at the basketball game.

Avila provided free alumni tickets, gave away mascot buttons and Avila tee-shirts at half-time. More than 400 people attended and AVILA DEFEATED ROCKHURST!

- Attending the President's Scholarship Club Champagne Theater Reception before the college's production of "Mass Appeal"

- Participating in the Avila/2000 Campaign Kickoff.

- Attending alumni board meetings and participating on various committees such as by-laws, nominations, golf tournaments, etc...

- Participating in the alumni board-sponsored

bridge marathon.

- Dining with Dr. Kramer at the Washington D.C. alumni gathering.

- Visiting with Sister Olive Louise in sunny Arizona.

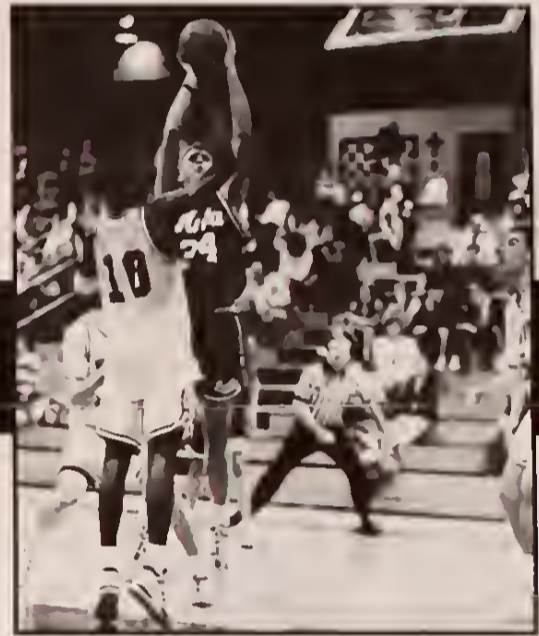
- Enjoying the 15th Annual American Royal Steer

Yes! The Eagles Defeat the Hawks!

Dinner and Auction at the Ritz Carlton Hotel.

- Participating in the Alumni Network to offer support and information to current students.

Avila Eagle Brian Strauss (#34, forward) shoots against Rockhurst.



"I've loved all my 36 years here!" Sister Rose Anthony retires from Avila

Sister Rose Anthony Schmitt, after 36 years at Avila College, has retired to Nazareth Convent in St. Louis, Missouri.

A reception was held in her honor on February 27th. Faculty, staff, and students alike lined up to wish her well and trade memories.

Sister Rose Anthony spent much of her 36 years at Avila keeping tabs on Avila alumni. She pursued name and address changes, noted weddings, births, and deaths and collected countless stories about her "extended family."

"No computer, no matter how much memory it has, will be able to hold all the details Sister carries around in her mind!" said Julie Kovich, alumni coordinator.

Sister Rose Anthony welcomes word from her many friends.

Her new address is:
Nazareth Convent
Two Nazareth Lane
St. Louis, Missouri 63129



Sister Rose Anthony in May, 1971

A hole in fun! Golfers mean scholarships for students.

The Eighth Annual Avila College Golf Classic is seeking golfers to grab their clubs and share the green to help Avila students.

The classic is scheduled for Tuesday, September 24, 1991 at Deer Creek Golf Club. Mark that date on your calendar and get a team together.

Why not sign up now and help raise scholarship money for deserving Avila students? Spending an afternoon on a fine golf course to help young students attend an even finer college is a pretty painless way to be philanthropic.

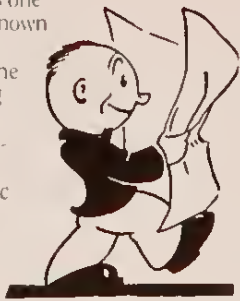
Proceeds from the tournaments are placed in an endowment account to benefit the Alumni Grant Program. This program qualifies the child of any Avila College graduate to \$500 per year (\$250 per semester) as long as he or she is a full-time Avila student (up to four years). Twelve alumni grant recipients currently attend Avila: Sheila Bartholome, Janine Cisek, Catherine Cornish, Michael Cusumano, Marco Cusumano, Erin Effertz, Wendy Effertz, Linda Gates, Marie Markey, Amy Meiners, Steve Raydo, and Cecilia Rog.

For more information, call Mary Ellen Clark, alumni board member and golf chairperson, at 648-6064, or Julie Kovich, alumni coordinator, at 942-8400, extension 236.

Class Notes

1934

Sister Martha Mary McGaw (34), is one of the better-known Catholics in Oklahoma as the award-winning writer, photographer and co-editor of the Sooner Catholic newspaper. The newspaper is issued 26 times a year.



1936

Elizabeth Wells Crowley (36) and her husband, Norman, celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in June. Norman was a Deacon at the Diocesan Anniversary Mass in May 1990.

1938

Marie Romer Murphy (38) is a retired parochial school principal in Durango, CO.

1942

Mary Golden Donnelly (42) was honored as "A Scholar in Residence" in the winter issue of "Under the Armour Awning", a periodical published by Armour Retirement Home, Kansas City.

1944

Nan Murphy Finucane (44) sent this information "If you notice a KS license plate STAVILA, it is mine! I like to advertise St. Teresa and Avila!"

1957

Rita J. Kowalezyk Levens (57) experienced two wonderful weeks of beauty, enlightenment and religious renewal in September, visiting the many magnificent churches in Warsaw, Zakopane, Cracow and especially at the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestoshova in Poland. Rita is escrow officer for McDaniel Title Company.

Charlotte Tillman (57) was one of the three board members honored at a dinner at the Allis Plaza Hotel. Charlotte has been on the board of the Swope Parkway Health Center since it opened in 1969 under the Model Cities program.

1959

Sister Teresa Horn-Bostel (59) was appointed to the Catholic Charities Board of Directors in May 1990. Sister Teresa was awarded a 1989 Sullivan Award for her work with the homeless, the poor and elderly.

1960

Sister Ann Strizek (60) was pictured and featured in the Fall, 1990 issue of Healthscan for her role in the pastoral care department, St. Joseph Hospital in Kansas City. She attends to the spiritual and psychosocial needs of patients. One patient said, "I don't know if Sr. Ann dropped out of heaven, but she is always there when she is needed."

Corinne Kimble (60) received a Master's Degree in 1970 in Administration and Supervision from CMSU. She was an educator in the Kansas City, Missouri school system for 27 years. Corinne retired in 1986 as an Instructional Assistant in the elementary schools.

1961

Anne Wilkins Billings (61), Director of St. John's Diocesan Center for the last 5 years, was honored at a farewell reception January 11 at the Center. Anne is now parish secretary at Visitation Parish, Kansas City.

1962

Sister Barbara Moore, CSJ (62) has been elected to the National Board of Trustees of Catholic Charities, USA. Sister Barbara is coordinator of the Perinatal Care Program at Samuel U. Rodgers

Community Health Center in Kansas City. Previously, she was associate chairperson of the Avila College department of nursing.

1964

Louisa Serrone Beilan (64) is teaching dance at the KC Middle School of the Arts. She is the school choreographer and assistant theater director.

Jesdon Haake McCowen (64) is completing the last year in the study of healing ministry.

1965

Sue Stephenson Rhodes (65) is teaching at St. Peter's School in Kansas City.

Mary Schwaller Raymond (65) teaches five classes of geometry at a high school in South Bend, Indiana.

1966

Rebecca Tobin Peterson (66) recently received her M.ED from Texas Tech University and is teaching 2nd grade at Christ the King Cathedral School in Lubbock, TX.

1967

Mary J. Javorek Stipe (67) has joined American Wool Council as Fashion Director in September 1990. She works in Rockefeller Center, Manhattan, NY. Her work includes developing fashion forecasts for the wool industry and work by the international fabric market.



1971

B. Jean Hewes Carey (71) and her husband, James C. Carey, M.D., have relocated from Santa Barbara, California to Templeton where they felt they were more needed. They have a son, Ryan, 4 years old. Jean is a plastic-surgery nurse.

1973

Susan Frefz Laitner (73) is a staff nurse in the eating disorder department at Menorah Medical Center in Kansas City.

Deborah Frantz Mentgen (73) was elected Secretary of the Board of Directors of Childhaven, a St. Louis treatment and consultation center specializing in communication and behavior disorders, including autism.

1975

Christine Bersbach Raya (75) is enjoying a career as a Receptionist/Secretary at J.D. Reece Company on College Blvd.

Natalie Gant Griffith (75) is attending Washburn University School of Law in Topeka, KS.

1976

Anita Denio Rogers (76) is PHN-Hepatitis Coordinator/Refugee Program for Cook County (Illinois) Department of Health. Anita is in the 1990-1991 Who's Who in Nursing.

1977

Greg Poelker (77) is senior art director at DG and A Advertising and Communications in St. Louis. Janet Geissler Poelker (79) is busy taking care of their two children.

A. Christine Noble (77) is the early childhood director at the Meramec Valley R-3 School District in Pacific, MO.

Kathleen Joyce Lyle (77) has been working at Humana Hospital as an operating room nurse and is a LCDR in the Naval Reserve.

1978

Karen Schweiger Komoroski (78) teaches school at Penn Valley School, Kansas City. Karen holds a master's degree in community health from KU Medical Center.

Julie Vienhage Weiss (75) BSMT and (83) MBA is Seldane product manager for Marion Merrell Dow Inc., Kansas City.

1979

Anne Guinotte White (79) teaches children, ages three to six, at Faxon Montessori School in Kansas City. In January, Anne attended a conference in Austin, Texas conducted by Muriel Dwyer on Language and Reading in Montessori. Colleen Kelley (81), Sheila Mockley (85), and Kathy Belke (88) also attended.

Michael Eschbacher (79) is a resource person at Lakeside Hospital, Kansas City.

Maureen Ronan Dierkes (79) is on contract with the Texas Nurse Foundation in Austin as a nurse examiner and the Nurse Aide Skills Testing Project.

Karen Schaefer Camarta (79) is a charge nurse in the surgical ICU at the University of Minnesota Hospital in Minneapolis where her husband, Paul, is a resident in neurosurgery. They have a daughter, Gina, born 3/88.

1980

Christopher Glaze (80) played a lead role of father in Susan Zeder's "Doors" at Coterie, the Crown Center Children's Theater.

1981

Ane Martin (81) who completed her Master's of Taxation at UMKC, was appointed as a tax associate at Coopers and Lybrand where she is involved in the firm's Entrepreneur Service Group. Jane is currently a member of AICPA in Missouri and Kansas Societies of CPA's.

Tina Prescovy Kuhnfoff (81) is an examiner for Hartford Insurance.

Mary K. Vaterling (81) is the neurosurgical nurse clinician at St. Anthony's Hospital. She will complete her M.S. in health care management at Webster University this spring.

1982

Darrek Porter (82) was awarded a Master's degree in government administration by the Fels Center of Government in Pennsylvania in December 1990.

Linda Vienhage Cosgrove (82) is grocery buyer for Associated Wholesale Grocers, Inc. (Kansas).

1983

Albert de Zutter (83 MS) who holds a BS in journalism from Marquette University and a M.S. in psychology from Avila, was named editor of The Catholic Key, effective, August 20, 1990.

Therese Cognac Peterson (83) is a part-time ICU nurse at a hospital in Olympia, WA, where her husband, Dr. William Peterson, is practicing orthopedic surgery.

James Knobel (83) is assistant controller for the Individual Assurance Company in Kansas City.

Debbie Wilding Secler (83) formerly a directress of Montessori Country Day School, Mundelein, IL, now is spending time at home, raising her son.

1984

Susan Seiter Everly (84) is project coordinator for "Personal Care Attendant Network," at Coalition for Independence, an advocacy group for disabled people.

Kathy Higgins Victor (84) is director, resourcing and development, for Pillsbury, Inc.

Since graduating from Avila with a BS degree in natural science/chemistry, Rev. Victor B. Borden (84) has devoted himself to full-time Christian service for five years in the patorate and has recently completed a Master of Divinity degree from Luther Rice Seminary, Jacksonville, Florida. He is now serving as associate pastor at Red Bridge Baptist Church in south Kansas City.

Dr. David Berberich (84) works at Monsanto in St. Louis as a research chemist.



Craig J. Maxim (84) was ordained as a Roman Catholic Deacon by Bishop John J. Sullivan of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph on November 17, 1990, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

Maureen Monley Coday (84) is a staff nurse at Independence Regional Home Health.

1985

Lori Bannerman (85) is a staff nurse in I.C.U. at Baptist Medical Center, Kansas City.

Debra Taylor Bruns (85) works in accounts payable at BGM Industries, Kansas City.

M. Colleen Higham (85) was awarded a Master of Science in Nursing as a pediatric nurse practitioner by the Catholic University of America in May, 1989, and is now at Children's Hospital, Washington, D.C.

Jeanne Yuel-lan Hsu (85) is working as a staff nurse with GI doctors at Trinity Lutheran Hospital, Kansas City.

Kathleen Hall Meyer (85 BSN, S9 MBA) is a utilization management supervisor at Prudential Insurance, Kansas City.

Richard J. Meyer (85) is a staff nurse in the Heart Institute at St. Luke's Hospital, Kansas City.

Kelly Yates Said (85) is a staff nurse in I.C.U. at St. Lukes Hospital, Kansas City.

Howard Swantes (85 BA, 88 MBA) is manager of operation systems at Marion Merrell Dow, Inc., Kansas City.

Dr. John Wendt, M.D. (85) is in residency family practice at St. John's Mercy Medical Center, St. Louis.

Mary Beth Serrano (85) moved to Sembach, Germany, to teach 3rd grade in DODDS school on USAFB.

Lorri Anderson Whitley (85) is a staff nurse in oncology, Menorah Medical Center, Kansas City.

Helen Wisecarver Zahner (85) is a social worker at Independence (Missouri) Regional Center.

1986

Lynn Lehman Barrett (86) is a staff nurse on a medical-surgical unit at Truman Medical Center, Kansas City.

Jacqueline Marie Gergel (86) is a staff nurse in private duty, ICU and CCU, for American Nursing Resources, Kansas City.

Julie Gronski (86) is a staff nurse in pediatrics intensive care at Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital, St. Louis.

Bernadette Stueve (86) is the assistant nurse coordinator in Kansas City for Pediatric Nursing Specialists of America, a national home health company, and, as needed (PRN), in the emergency room at Children's Mercy Hospital.

Kelly Walsh (86) is working with Traveling Nurses, Overland Park.

1987

Rose Kopp Bibb (87) is a medical technologist at North Kansas City (Missouri) Hospital.

Karen Saar Garrison (87) is working for the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Teresa Lee Russett (87) is a staff nurse on a surgical unit at El Camino Hospital, Mountain View, California.

Bill L. Said, (87) is working at Heritage Laboratories, North Kansas City.

Jessica Rilinger (87) is assistant purchasing director at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company, Kansas City.

1988

Patti Mudd (88) is teaching art at St. Pius X High School, Festus, Missouri.

Robert Scoles (88) is serving a professional performance internship with The Playhouse on the Square, a professional theater company in Memphis, Tennessee, as of July, 1990.

Tim Westcott (88) an Avila history graduate and instructor at Rockhurst High School, was recently appointed to a three year term on the Teacher Education Committee for the National Council for Social Studies (NCSS), Washington, D.C.

Mildred S. Irwig (88) homemaker-artist, who began study of Braille in January '89, received her 38-page trial manuscript back from the Library of Congress on April 9, 1990 with a passing grade, is now a Certified Braille Transcriber.

Vita Giraldo Osborn (88) is a part-time parent educator in the "Parents as Teachers Program" sponsored by the Kansas City (Missouri) School District.

Jennifer Porter (88) has been a staff nurse in Hawaii for the past year.

Margaret Ann McKee (88) is a child care worker for the State of Missouri in Jackson County.

Karen Martin-Gately (88) is a staff nurse at the Community Hospital of Monterey Peninsula (CA).

1989

Joyce Bearce Merideth (89) teaches first grade at Red Bridge School, Kansas City.

Laurie Rudy Meyer (89) is a staff nurse in critical care at Research Medical Center, Kansas City.

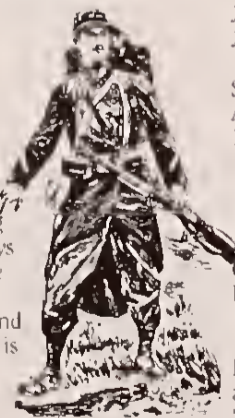
Michael K. Miler (89) works with his father at Mike Miller Construction Company, Stilwell, Kansas.

Sharon O'Reilly (89) is a staff nurse in the Intensive Care Nursery at St. Luke's Hospital, Kansas City.

Sheila Siflett Zondca (89) is nurse for Dr. John Saxer (family practice) and works part-time on weekends in the oncology unit at Baptist Medical Center, Kansas City.

Eric Schmidt (87 BA, 89 MS) has been promoted to program manager of the Care Psych Center at Baptist Medical Center, Kansas City.

Tim Tarwater (89) is with Ecology and Environment, spending six weeks at a time in Virginia with a crew employed by the United States Government, working 14 hours a day, six days a week, after which he gets to spend a week at home in his Overland Park apartment. Tim is also a Civil War Re-enactment "buff" and recently visited Pea Ridge, Arkansas.



Fern Brown (89) has been elected vice-chairperson, Western Regional Advisory Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse and is secretary, MBA Network.

Jennifer Yarshen Aiman (89) is sales manager for Kringle's Jeweler's, Overland Park.

Cynthia M. Cook (89) is a staff nurse in the Mercy Cancer Care Center, St. John's Mercy Medical Center, St. Louis.

Liesa M. Davis (89) works full-time at American Cablevision, is director of finance for Image Magazine, and models for Beauty at Large.

Katie Kussman (89) is employee relations administrator at Bendix-King, Olathe, Kansas.

Dayna Martinez (89) is working at a mail order greeting card company, Victorian Papers, Kansas City.

Diane McLaury (89) is teaching fourth grade at Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary School, Independence.

Ann Corneliusen (89) is attending KSU as Graduate Teaching Assistant in Statistics.

Weddings

Judith Craig (77) and Ray Cockrell, February 16, 1990.

Marie Gainey (81) and Roland Martir, August 4, 1990.

Denise Kaufman (83) and Steven Ellenberg, July 8, 1990.

Virginia P. (Ginger) Coldsnow (86) and Robert W. Kortum, August 11, 1990.

Kerry Lynn Keathly (87) and John Robert Kansier, August 11, 1990.



Ellen Maret Sullivan and Cameron Allen Martin (88), October 27, 1990.

Sheryl L. Burton and Brian P. Sebelski (89), February 12, 1991.

Jana Lynne Budde (89) and Timothy E. Sikes, August 25, 1990.

Cynthia Marie Cook (89) and John Robert Krehmeyer, September 8, 1990.

Annette Penberthy (89) and Jim Frank, son of James and Barbara Metzger Frank (63), on November 3, 1990.

Angella Irene Webb and Todd Damian Gosserand (90) MBA, July 28, 1990.

Roseanne Garcia and Stephen Robert Bales (90), January 5, 1991.

Cynthia Carlton (90) and Scott Andrew Sutherland, January 12, 1991.

Johnna Yeokum (91) and Terry Lisenby, June 9, 1990.

Susan Renae Waggerman (92) and Anthony Angelo Juarez, Jr. (91), August 4, 1990.

Births

Christopher Michael, born to Frank and Peggy Peet Hawkey (72), December 19, 1989.

Marie Christine Shulte, born to James and Rita Fischer Schulte (74), January 22, 1990.

Nathan Andrew, Grace Huhman Bogert (75) and James Bogert announce the arrival of their son by adoption, March 10, 1989.

Gina, born to Dr. Paul and Karen Schaefer Camarata (79), March 1988.

Kaitlin Marie born to Randy and Tina Maie Prescovy Kuhnhoff (81), September 19, 1989.



Hanna Eileen born to Don and Linda Vielhage Cosgrove (82), October 22, 1990.

Joanna Cathcart Fern born to John Fern and Ann H. Cathcart (82), June 1, 1990.

Zachary Wayne and Beau Henry, twins, born to Joseph (82) and Lisa Ann Regan Bourquin (82), September 7, 1990.

Caleb August, born to Leon and Theresa Doyle Witt (82), December 22, 1990.

Seth Matthew, born to Todd and Kelley McQuillan Ebel (82), August 21, 1990.

Kristine Marie, born to Jeff and Sarah Benedick Chase (82), January 7, 1991. Kristine Marie is the granddaughter of F.A. and Alberta Meierer Benedick (54).

Kevin Barry, born to Dean and Debbie Wilding Secler (83), April 8, 1990.

Joseph Richard, II, born to Joseph (83) and Michelle Thro Schrick (85), January 10, 1991.

Daniel Paul, born to Paul and Nancy Nail Buechter (85), May 13, 1990.

Kathryn Ann born to David and Sara B. Doyle Baker (85), August 3, 1990. They also have a son Michael Clark born on June 13, 1988.

Alexander David born to Scott E. (85) and Diann White, October 13, 1990.

Ashtin Marie, born to Phil (86 BS, 88 MBA) and Kristine Bryde, November 9, 1989.

Sean Alexander, born to Bill (87) and Kelly Yates Said (85), December 26, 1990.

Ashley, born to Rossell and Erika Manzanares, October 11, 1990.

Alex Charles, born to Shelley and Chuck (87) Otec, September 30, 1989.

Benjamin, born to Robert (87) and Dana Huff Hoog (89), April 1, 1990.

Keegan Michael, born to Jon (91) and Mary Patricia Veerkamp Park (88), October 2, 1990.

Marie Louise, born to Lt. Bernie and Karen Martin-Gately (88), July 8, 1990.

Ryan Matthew, born to David and Tobey Komer Klaus (89), June 19, 1990.

Ashley Marie, born to Sheila Shiflett (89) and John Zondca, October 1, 1990.

Deaths

Mary Lee O'Brien (24), July 3, 1990.

Regina C. Mullane (30), January 26, 1991

Barbara Bohon Wiemholt (51), September 3, 1990.

Nina Powell Torrington (55), November 17, 1990.

Susan Davin (67), December 11, 1990.

Major Frederic Smith (75), December 24, 1990.

Janet Walker Frey (76), July 14, 1990.

James A. Tabor (78), January 22, 1991.

Earnest Raymond Mayfield (80), October 26, 1990.

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The honor comes from Admissions Marketing Report, a national publication of college and university admissions, as part of the 6th Annual Admissions Advertising Awards Competition.

Only six other colleges in Avila's size category received awards for logo design in the national competition.

Grant Thomas, vice president of advancement, was delighted with the award. "It was great news!" he said. "We want the excellence of our academic programs to be reflected in excellent graphics and marketing materials. This award is a good indication that we're on the right track."

The new Avila College logo made its debut in August after months of development and replaces the original lowercase logo. College officials decided a more contemporary graphic identity was needed as the college heads into Avila/2000, a comprehensive capital campaign, and the upcoming 75th anniversary of the college during the 1991-92 school year.

Attention all bridge enthusiasts!

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Four Sisters celebrate anniversaries.

Three of Avila's sisters celebrated anniversaries as Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet on Saturday, April 13, 1991 in the Avila Chapel.

Sister Mary Felice Helmes and Sister Germaine

Matter celebrated 60 years, Sister Marie Georgette Eschbacher and Sister Ann Dominic Tassone each celebrated 50 years.